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RYBAT/RESOURCES

1. ONCE STATION IS ON AIR, PRIORITY TAPES WILL BE DROPPED 5000 FT BY [ ] AIRCRAFT. BE PREPARED TO RECEIVE AIR DROP ON FOUR HOURS NOTICE. ALL DROP MATERIAL INCLUDING TESTS IS TO BE TREATED AS SECRET.
2. SEVERAL TEST DROPS WILL BE MADE NEAR FUTURE. REQUEST FOLLOWING INFO IMMEDIATELY:
  - A. EXACT LOCATION MOST DESIRABLE DROP ZONE. SECURITY, CLEAR AIR APPROACH AND EASE OF RECOVERY ARE MAIN CRITERIA.
  - B. HEIGHT AND LOCATION OF ALL ANTENNA AND OTHER OBSTRUCTIONS OVER ONE HUNDRED FEET HIGH.
  - C. AVAILABLE MATERIAL TO MARK RELEASE POINT. DAYLIGHT MARKING SHOULD BE LARGE CROSS EASILY DISCERNIBLE FROM AIR. NIGHT MARKING TO BE CROSS OF LIGHTS. IF YOU NEED BETTER MARKING MATERIAL WILL AIR DROP ON FIRST TEST.
3. FYI: THE AIRCRAFT WILL RELEASE THE CANNISTER CONTAINING THE TAPES DIRECTLY OVER THE CENTER OF YOUR CROSS AND THE CANNISTER AND CHUTE WILL DRIFT DOWNWIND.

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YOU SHOULD PLAN ON WHERE YOU WANT THE CANNISTER TO HIT AND THEN PLACE CENTER YOUR  
CROSS ~~THREE~~<sup>FIFTEEN</sup> YARDS UPWIND FOR EACH FIVE MILES/HR OF SURFACE WIND.

4. THESE AIR DROPS WILL BE LAID ON WITH [ ] CONSISTENT WITH YOUR COVER AS  
FOLLOWS: YOUR STATION WHICH IS COLLECTING DATA FOR [ ] STUDY MUST  
HAVE FAST WAY OF RECEIVING MATERIALS TO PROPERLY SERVICE LAST MINUTE CHANGES  
IN HQS REQUIREMENTS. THIS STORY SHOULD BE CASUALLY SPREAD AROUND YOUR STATION TO  
MINIMIZE SPECULATION ON AIR DROPS.

END OF MESSAGE